



Dr. Cade Brumley  
Superintendent

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Dear Superintendent White,

I am writing to provide you with information regarding the results of a Jefferson Parish Schools internal investigation. Most recently, our district staff discovered that five (5) graduates from Helen Cox High School's Class of 2019 were erroneously provided a diploma in May.

These students had a coursework grade changed by a school administrator during the school year, resulting in their successful completion of degree requirements. It should be noted, however, that outside of the coursework grade change, the five students completed all graduation requirements including passage of state required standardized tests during their high school career.

Since our discovery, all five students have successfully completed a proficiency exam aligned to standards in the coursework, giving us the confidence to certify their diplomas. A certified teacher administered the proficiency exams to the students.

We have worked with our impacted families throughout this process.

During the internal investigation, the district also discovered that excused absence documentation had not been submitted for 24 students. Those students had successfully completed all coursework and state assessments. The district contacted those families and have so far received documentation of absence for 22 of these students. Students who cannot provide documentation of excused absences will be given the opportunity to recover seat-time to validate their diploma.

My administration holds strong beliefs about the academic integrity within Jefferson Parish Schools. Our system is only as strong as its integrity, and we have little tolerance for actions that run counter. We will be reviewing controls and establishing further safeguards to prevent such actions in the future in all 14 of our high schools.

Thank you. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

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Superintendent